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FROM AN  
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In the City, to an Agitator  
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**LETTER,**  
 From an Agitator in the City,  
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In answer to yours of the 24. instant. Our friends in the Common-Councell are brave and especially our best Ingeniours, the two Aldermen, the one for Logicke and solid Reason, the other for sweete Rhetoricke excels all the City, and gaines many a flag-matiek Common-Councell Man to his party.

Vpon Mr. *Allins* and Colonell *Pers* Message from the House of Commons (which they performed with great vigour and hight of spirit) the Common Councell began to sink and were at a lowe eb: and I could have wished our friends had forborne to send the second time those weake Aldermen, as *Pennington* who is rather peevish then freightfull. (besides the House remitting the 3000l. his kinsman the great Delinquents

*John*

*John Pennington* left in his hands which he concealed, and so became Delinquent himselfe) he was by the Ordinance to pay it double: and the House gave him over and above 3000*l*. this was so partiall and gross, that our very friends cry (shame of it: and it is a great scandall to our party: for Alderman *Atkins*, he is ridiculous and the scorn and by word, and clipped Alderman.

We have discovered that the Apprentices have their severall Agitators, so have the Saylor, Watermen, Carmen, Porters, Butchers: and the Ringleaders of all these are the Reformadoes. I could here wish our friends in the Army had not so often insisted to the Parliament to have them put out of *London* by Ordinance: for some of them said openly, the Army are afraid of us, therefore we will continue in the City: Besides for our obedience to the Parliament, and relinquishing the Rebellious mutineers, we are called desertors of the Army, and are voted to be disbanded: and one day (say they) the House was ready to vote down Sir *Thomas* Commission and Declaration, and the rest of those Officers Traitors which summoned the City: and afterwards the case was altered, and the same Traitors accused the 11 Members.

The Reformadoes laugh at our charge against the 11 Members, for (say they) it is against law for an Army to accuse any man, because they cannot make reparation in case their accusation prove false. But we have intelligence that the Reformadoes and some others will bring in a Charge against 6. Lords, and 30 Commisers: and that they will not proceed in generals, but in particulars, and the prosecutors intend to proceed legally and set their names to the charge: some they will accuse of high Treason, others of high crimes: and the least crimes are that they have given the publick treasure to themselves being trustees in trust for the publick, contrary to the fundamentall lawes of the Realme: whereby the souldery is unpaid, and the publick faith unsatisfied, contrary to their severall Declarations and Ordinances: and no doubt but this will pay all the arrears of the Commanders and Souldiers about the crowne. They resolve never to leave the Houses, till some be sequestred as before.

as prooffe is made: and they are for purging the House as well as we, and will put out many (as they brag) by the same votes they will make it serve as a trap to catch our own party. I confesse I like not their oth *ex officio*, for it is against our principles the liberty of the subject;

They are resolved to inforce the House to revoake Sir *Thomas's* Commission, and to send immediately for the King (otherwise we suspect from some extraordinary intelligencer we have) that they will get some of our best friends of both Houses into the Tower of *London*, and to guard it with Reformadoes: Apprentices, Seamen, Watermen, Porters, &c. And for certaine they are all linck'd together by a damnable covenant. They say wee are all for our selves, and to that end keep up an Army to inflave the kingdome, and have forced both Houses the 60000. a moneth, which was intended for *Ireland*, and converted to their own use, and will make the King as Duke of *Venice*, and make 31. of themselves Grandies and Conservators of the Peace. I am sorry our friends have issued their designes so fast,

And they scorne at our Colonells, and say all the Army can make is not 20000. Land *per annum*. And that each Regiment will be worth 10000. *per annum*. As *Pride* the Dray-man, *Huson* the poore Shomaker, *Okey* the Brewers Clark, *Whaley* not worth a groat before these times, *Harrison*, an Attornies boy the other day, *Rich* a Coward, *Fleetwood* a Coward, *L. G. Hammond* a notorious Coward. These are great scandals, and I pray get them amended.

They say also that Colonell *Tho. Hammond*, *Rainsborough* *Ellburn*, Sir *Hardres Waller*, were poore, and turned *Independents* and *Anabaptists* to please *Crumwell*; *Iretton* they say was a *Parsons* son, that he is proud, wilfull, and revengfull. For our *Atlas*, brave *Crum*, they say he was a Brewers son at *Ely*, and called the *Town Bull*, and he is much talked of for Colo. *Lamberts* wife: I would our friend *Lilburn* would leave his scurrility and personating, it becomes not our profession which is sanctity and gravity; and his freedom of writing, causes all these aspersions. And now the *Prohibitionists* are next, they spit and

and scratch like some many gib Cate. We heare there are divers Lawyers of their Counsell, and that the Presbyterian Citizens makes a generall puse to carry on the forenamed Charge with Gravity. They intend to fall soule one my Lo<sup>r</sup> d Say for the losse at *Oxford*, and leaving the plate there, and sending money to the King, and correspondency at *Oxford* with *Cottingham* and some others. They will revive the businesse of the losse of *Bristow* and *Banbury* by *Nathaniel* and *John Fines*. In a word, either they will force the *Parliament* to rise confusedly, then where are we? or if they adjourne, they are but a Committee that can conclude nothing. We heare the Soliceter, our wife *L. G. Cromwell*, *Jreton*, and young *Sr. Henry Vaine*, *Eveling* of *Wills*, and 4 Lords are for joyning with the King. And some great ones of the Kings party have undertaken it; but we fear the Queen, the French Embassador, and the Scots. And wee have intelligence some Citizens meet often with them, and that they promise if they will make good *London*, they have an Army of 20000 foote. 6000 horses, and 2000 Dragoness which are ready, and that *Montrosse*, *Kilketto*, the *Stewards*, the *Gardens*, and all the Kings party will rise as one man, and will bee content (so they be pardoned for what is past, which is granted) that they will take and fight for the endes of the Covenant especially to establish the King on his Throne, according to the Apprentices Petition.

Wee find the Kings party generally falls from us, because (say they) you do nothing for the King but carry him up and down like a vagabond farther from us, and they suspect you will imprison him in *Pensfret* Castle: you must do some popular thing speedily, offer the King his own conditions, I meane such as are for safety. We heare the Agitators grow peremptory, and clasp with the Counsell of War. That they are all for parity and a Republick, and that they give out the *Counsell* of war is above them.

Take heed you intertain not too many Souldiers from *London*, nor of the Kings party, for they will deceive you: and beware of that beggerly Scot, Master *Walter Seaward*, and my Lord *Oradiell Carnegay*, they will sell you at the last to those which

will bid most, and if the Scots come, they will beeke so many spies upon you.

The Scots are very Iocund, and tis thought (by some who have good Intelligence) that the King hath signed a Declaration under hand, wherein he declares himselfe a Prisoner, and that his Parliament is in the like condition: that the Army is the Gaurder, that he will declare the first opportunity that is offered, for a free Parliament. In a word we are in a straight: for at present I was certainly informed that the Presbyterian faction will seize the principall Members of both Houses and of our best friends in the Tower, and there they shall remaine as Hostiges, untill the King be at safety at his house at *White-Hall*, and that Sir *Thomas Fairfax* Commission shall be voted downe, and if he doe not obey, that a Declaration be set forth to the Kingdom, to proclaim him and his Officers which shall not obey Traytors: and that the severall Counties give no free Quarter, nor pay no Taxes. And that they resolve to pay the common Souldiers all there Arreares both Horse and foot, and ease the Kingdom of all burdens, especially Committees.

That the five Members of the Army shall bee proclaimed Traytors, and have Articles drawne up by all against them.

Tis whispered the Lawyers will make all those which conspired at *Joyes* plundering the King Traitors.

We heare that the City hath Agitators in all the Counties to associate with them, and that they send to all their friends, the leaders of the Declaration: *Kent* are much troubled their Commission is going down, it will be a great blow to our party. You must be courageous and storme *London* presently, otherwise we are all undone: And threaten to plunder the Rich, which will worke more upon them then Reason.

All my hope is they dare not defend their owne, nor run such a hazard: and in your Declaration set forth, that all that are neutrall shall not be plundered, hope and feare are the predominant Passions of the rich. What you doe you must doe speedily, and give out you are bringing the King to *London*: and counterfeite the Kings hand to a Declaration.

*Delus non verum quod in his requirit,*

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Young *Sir Henry Vane* hath more tricks in his budget, I feare witty *Henry Martin*, and deep *Will. Wallin* foment this humour too much in the Agitators: and there are many of our friends in Parliament, some are more against the Person of the King then Monarchy, as old *Sir Henry Vane*, who hates the King, but loves tyranny with his soule: for he was ever of the Spanish faction, so doth *Sir Henry Milman*, *Sir Arthur Hastedrick* (but hee is taken off, for hee shall bee Governour to the Prince of *Wales*) *Master Gordon*, *Master Denis Bond*, they have prayed publikely, that all the bloodshed in *England* and *Ireland* may light upon the King and his posterity.

*Master Weaver*, *Master Scott*, *Mr. Challiner*, *Master Miles Corbett*, *Master Renoldes*, *Mr. Cornelius Holland*, *Master John Blackefrome*, *Alderman Hoyle*, and *Sir William Allanson*, are all Antimonarchical, so is *Master Wistrow*, *Sir Gilbert Pickering*, *Sir Henry Hamon*, and 40. more at the least, for this is our strongest party in number: though not for wisdoms and power, for one of our richest and best friends, *Master William Perpoint* (who hath carryed on the great designe, with as much secrecie, industry and gravity as any of our Party is for closing with the King: My advise is to joyn with the King only to save stakes, for he grows daily in the Affection of the People, and there are Petilent books daily writ, especially in Law Points, which are not for our turne: if we prosper, we must reform the Lawyers as well as the Parliament or Devines, for they grow sawcy, I feare you have too many of the Kings party in the Army, trust not to them, for they look through our designes, and encourages their party in *London* to joyn in the last Petition: for your Army drawing up neer *London*, I feare you have lost your time, for they are able to draw 40000. men on the workes, and the Reformadoes are grownd to an edge against you and will put you to intollerable duty, or else hazard the beating up of your Quarters. If you get a repulse at *London*, you will sinke daily in your Reputations, and the Counties will rise upon you, if the City plyes you with tallies; Besides look to your Reare, for a friend tells me for certaine that the *Scottish* Commissioners, some leading Citizens and the leaders of the Reformadoes are ingaged in

a secret Oath. I hear Sir *William Balfour* and *Dalbaird* are very active, and have shrowd Pates and knowes the Constitution of our Army.

They jeere, and give out that all our Commanders will preserve their sacred Persons, especially *Commonwell* and *Fresen*, they are wise and fitter for direction, the brave *Hardy* Generall must fight himselfe as he did at *Naseby* and *Cromwell* must direct and look to the Reare, and the last Reserve. We want brave *Ryffiter*, I hear he is too much of the *Presbyterian* faction. Our Religion is the best, and that cannot but make our Cause good: but wee are much scandalized with covetousnesse, ambition and lying, but these are but the infirmities of perticular men, not of the godly party of the Army.

We are much murmured at by the people, that wee send not reliefe for *Ireland*, being in such extremity: I wisht well to *Ireland*, but I love the Welth of *England* better, we have been very neere to have all *England* in our possession. This base Irreligious City hath been a rub in our way: but I hope they shall pay for it with Interest: for I hope you will enrich the poore Saints (which is there proper inheritance) with the Treasure of Vices and cheating Citizens. Let mee heare at large and often from you, and twise a week you shall have an answer. Farewell deare Brother.

You must prosper, for you have the Prayers of the *Communion of Saints*.

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